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SUBJECT: COMBINED WIRE, R/TV & NEWSPAPER REPORT MORNING,
FRIDAY, MARCH 7

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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SUMMARY: WIRES AND NETS REPORT HAK MEETINGS WITH BRITISH
PM, SHIFTING ATTENTION TO CYPRUS QUESTION IN BRUSSELS,
BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ME WITH AL AHRAH REPORTING SADAT QUOTE
OPTIMISTIC END QUOTE THAT HAK WOULD ARRANGE AGREEMENT.

WIRES:

1. AP SCHWEID - LONDON: "HAK HEADED INTO HIS 11TH ME
PEACE MISSION TODAY AMID SPECULATION WHETHER THE PALESTINE
GUERRILLA RAID IN TEL AVIV DIMINISHED HIS CHANCES OF
SUCCESS.
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HAK WAS DUE IN EGYPT TONIGHT AFTER A STOP EN ROUTE IN
BRUSSELS TO MEET WITH GREEK FM BITSIOS. THE SEMIOFFICIAL
CAIRO PAPER AL AHRAH SAID PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD TELL HIS
VISITOR THE TERRORIST ATTACK WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROVED THE

NECESSITY OF "DEFUSING ALL REASONS FOR EXPLOSION IN THE AREA."

HOWEVER, AL AHRAH SAID SADAT TOLD IT HE WAS "OPTIMISTIC" THAT HE WAS NOT SELLING THEM OUT. ACCORDING TO AL AHRAH, HE SAID THAT HE HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM WASHINGTON THAT YASIR ARAFAT'S PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE AND AS A FULL PARTICIPANT IN THE FUTURE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE ME.

THIS WAS IN EFFECT CONTRADICTED BY HAK'S CHIEF AIDE FOR THE ME, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE SISCO, IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW BROADCAST IN NEW YORK THURSDAY NIGHT BUT FILMED BEFORE SADAT'S REMARKS WERE PUBLISHED. SISCO SAID THAT THE US COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE PLO UNTIL THE PLO ACCEPTED THE LEGALITY OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AS A NATION.

THE CAIRO NEWSPAPER AL GOMHURIA SAID SADAT AND HAK IN THEIR TALKS WOULD CONCENTRATE ON THESE POINTS: A NEW ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI; AN EGYPTIAN PLEDGE TO THE US THAT IT WILL REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING IN WAR AGAINST ISRAEL AS LONG AS ISRAEL RESPECTS THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND DOES NOT ATTACK SYRIA EITHER; A US GUARANTEE THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT ATTACK ON EITHER THE EGYPTIAN OR SYRIAN FRONT; THE STATUS OF THE UN PEACE FORCE AND EXTENSION

OF ITS LIFE IF THERE IS ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT; AND AN EGYPTIAN PLEDGE TO OPEN THE SUEZ CANAL AFTER THE NEW AGREEMENT."

2. UPI - LONDON: "HAK TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE CYPRUS CRISIS TODAY BEFORE FLYING TO THE ME ON A PEACE MISSION ALREADY UNDER ATTACK BY PALESTINE GUERRILLAS.

AFTER A BUSY MORNING OF APPOINTMENTS IN LONDON, HAK
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ARRANGED TO FLY TO BRUSSELS THIS AFTERNOON FOR TALKS WITH GREEK FM BITSIOS, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THE TWO WOULD DISCUSS WAYS TO GET GREECE AND TURKEY TO RESUME TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS. THE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN LAST AUGUST. ...

YESTERDAY, HAK CONDEMNED THE ATTACK ON TEL AVIV BY PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS AS "SENSELESS" VIOLENCE BOUND TO LEAD TO ISRAELI REPRISALS AND COMPLICATE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

THE PLO DESCRIBED THE ATTACK AS A WARNING THAT THE PALESTINIANS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ANY NEW PEACE AGREEMENT.

HAK MET WITH PM HAROLD WILSON FOR 35 MINUTES ACCOMPANIED BY US AMBASSADOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON. A SPOKESMAN AT 10 DOWNING ST. SAID, "THEY DISCUSSED MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, INCLUDING THE ME.,

RADIO/TV

1. MARVIN KALB - CBS RADIO FROM LONDON: AFTER A MORNING OF TALKS HERE WITH TOP BRITISH LEADERS, HAK SHIFTS GEARS AND LOCATION. IN BRUSSELS THIS AFTERNOON HE FOCUSSES ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS - A MEETING THERE WITH GREEK FM BITSIOS AN EFFORT ON HAK'S PART TO LEARN WHETHER THE GREEKS HAVE ANY FRESH IDEAS FOR LAUNCHING A NEW ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE TURKS. IF THEY HAVE, HAK MAY SEEK A MEETING WITH TURKISH FM ESENBEL. THE SECRETARY IS ANXIOUS TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK ON CYPRUS AND TO GET AMERICAN MILITARY AID FLOWING INTO TURKEY ONCE AGAIN. THIS EVENING HAK FLYS INTO ASWAN IN THE UPPER NILE REGION OF EGYPT, IN A WAY MORE EAGER AFTER THE PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ATTACK IN TEL AVIV TO PROVE THAT SOME ARABS CAN REACH AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL EVEN IF OTHERS ARE STILL WEDDED TO VIOLENCE. THE SECRETARY ... STILL REMAINS HOPEFUL ABOUT ARRANGING ANOTHER SINAI AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL SOMETIME THIS MONTH.

2. RICHARD VALERIANI - NBC TV - THE TODAY SHOW: FROM CARDIFF: HAK IS GOING BACK TO THE ME WITHOUT HAVING UNCLASSIFIED

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YET RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FROM EITHER EGYPT

OR ISRAEL. ... HAK'S PROBLEM IS TO GET A PUBLIC DOCUMENT THAT IS SPECIFIC ENOUGH TO SATISFY ISRAEL'S CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY YET AMBIGUOUS ENOUGH TO PROTECT EGYPT'S STANDING IN THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD. HAK INSISTS THAT .. IF THIS NEGOTIATION BLOWS UP AND HAK BELIEVES IT CAN BLOW UP THEN THERE WILL BE A CRISIS IN THE ME BY THIS SUMMER. ON THE OTHER HAND HIS AIDES SAY HAK WOULD NOT HAVE UNDERTAKEN THIS MISSION UNLESS HE FELT THAT HE COULD BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATING POSITIONS.

NEWSPAPERS

WALL STREET JOURNAL - PAGE 32-KEATLEY-JERUSALEM-STAGE SETTER FOR HAK'S ARRIVAL. HEADLINE "AS HAK SETS OFF AGAIN, CHANCES APPEAR GOOD THAT HE'LL GET AGREEMENT ON SINAV"

NYDAILY NEWS - CARTER FROM LONDON - PAGE 2 WITH 3-COL PIC CALLAGHAN, HAK AND RICHARDSON. HEADLINE SAYS HAK HITS GUERRILLAS, WILL CONTINUE PEACE TRY. BOX ITEM REPORTS 400 PROTEST HAK'S VISIT. EXCERPTS TEXT:

CARTER: (FROM LONDON): HAK DEPLORED TONIGHT WHAT HE

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DESCRIBED AS "THE SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE" BY ARAB GUERRILLAS WHO BLEW UP A TEL AVIV HOTEL AS IT WAS BEING STORMED BY ISRAELI TROOPS. BUT U.S. OFFICIALS DID NOT THINK THAT THE TERROR RAID WOULD DERAIL NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW DISENGAGEMENT PACT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

... THE GUERRILLA RAID AGAINST ISRAEL'S LARGEST CITY WAS CLEARLY TIMED FOR THE EVE OF KISSINGER'S NEW ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN THE ME. SAYED HAMMANI, THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON, HINTED AS MUCH IN AN INTERVIEW ON BRITISH TELEVISION TONIGHT.

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AFTER HAK PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE TERROR RAID, THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE DECLARED: "WE CONDEMN DR. KISSINGER'S REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE US. HE WANTS TO BRING ANOTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ALL RIGHT, LET HIM TRY. NO PEACE IN THE ME IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PALESTINIANS".

BUT A HIGHLY PLACED AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN HAK'S PARTY SAID HE DOUBTED THAT EITHER THE GUERRILLA RAID ON TEL AVIV OR ISRAELI RETALIATION AGAINST PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON - WHICH HE CLEARLY EXPECTED - WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

HE CONCEDED THAT IF THE PALESTINIANS ARE ABLE TO CARRY OUT A SERIES OF SIMILAR ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE COMING DAYS, AS THEY HAVE THREATENED, IT COULD CREATE A PROBLEM IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

BUT THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT BOTH SADAT AND ISRAELI PM RABIN WANT AN AGREEMENT FOR A SECOND-STAGE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI.

WHETHER SADAT IS PREPARED TO MAKE SUFFICIENT CONCESSIONS FOR THE AGREEMENT TO SATISFY THE ISRAELIS IS STILL A QUESTION, BUT THE OFFICIAL DID NOT THINK THAT SADAT WOULD FORSAKE HIS OWN COUNTRY'S BEST INTERESTS BECAUSE OF PALESTINIAN DEMANDS.

A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN HAK'S ENTOURAGE SAID THAT, IN THE ARAB WORLD, LEADERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARAB COUNTRIES "PLAY WITH THE PLO AS THEY NEED IT." THE IMPLICATION

WAS THAT WHILE THE ARAB LEADERS PAY LIP SERVICE TO PALESTINIAN DEMANDS, THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS COME FIRST. END EXCERPTS

BALTSUN - MILLS - PAGE 2 - CARDIFF: HEADLINE: KISSINGER DEPLORES TEL AVIV RAID: EXCERPTS: HAK YESTERDAY CALLED THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA ATTACK IN TEL AVIV "A RANDOM AND SENSELESS ACT" THAT MAKES HIS LATEST NEGOTIATING MISSION IN THE ME PARTICULARLY URGENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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... THE SECRETARY YESTERDAY INSERTED THE ME COMMENTS IN A PREPARED SPEECH. EARLIER IN THE DAY, HE SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

... ARRIVING AT THE CITY HALL IN THE BLACK, BULLET-PROOF CADILLAC LIMOUSINE THAT ACCOMPANIES HIM ON ALL TRIPS, HAK WAS GREETED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING HIS ROLE IN INDOCHINA, CYPRUS AND THE ME.

NYTIMES - GWERTZMAN, PAGE 5 - CARDIFF: HEADLINE: KISSINGER ASSAILS TEL AVIV VIOLENCE SUBLEAD: SECRETARY, IN WALES ON HIS WAY TO ME, VOICES FEAR FOR PEACE EFFORT. EXCERPTS: SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPRESSED CONCERN TONIGHT THAT THE ATTACK IN TEL AVIV YESTERDAY COULD ENDANGER HIS FORTHCOMING ME DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. BUT HE PLEDGED TO PRESERVE ...

IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR DELIVERY AT A DINNER TONIGHT HONORING TWO BRITISH POLITICAL FIGURES, HAK SAID THAT HE WOULD ARRIVE IN THE ME TOMORROW NIGHT ON THIS LATEST MISSION "SADDENED" BY THE "RANDOM AND SENSELESS" TERRORIST ACT WHICH "REMINDS US ONCE MORE OF THE TRAGIC DIMENSIONS OF THIS CONFLICT."

REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING HAK ON HIS AIR FORCE JET, WHICH FLEW HERE FROM LONDON THIS MORNING, WERE TOLD THAT HAK EXPECTED THE ISRAELIS TO MAKE A STRONG RETALIATORY STRIKE.

WHAT CONCERNED HAK WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PALESTINIAN RAID IN TEL AVIV LAST NIGHT WAS LAUNCHED WITH HIGH-LEVEL ARAB BACKING - POSSIBLY FROM SYRIA - AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO INFLAME TENSIONS AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO BRING ABOUT A NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON SINAI.

THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT THE ATTACK WAS INSTIGATED AS PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO DISSUADE SADAT OF EGYPT FROM MAKING ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT WITH ISRAEL. END EXCERPTS.

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LATIMES RESTON FROM CARDIFF P. 13 - EXCERPTS: KISSINGER
ON WAY TO MIDEAST, CONDEMS ARAB RAID: HAK, PREPARING FOR
A PEACE MISSION IN THE ME THURSDAY CONDEMNED AN ARAB
GUERRILLA RAID IN ISRAEL THAT COST THE LIVES OF AT LEAST
14 PERSONS.

HAK'S TOP AIDES EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE GUERRILLA
ATTACK IN TEL AVIV, BUT SAID THEY DID NOT BELIEVE THE NEW
OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE WOULD DEFEAT THE SECRETARY'S ATTEMPTS
TO CONCLUDE A SECOND-STAGE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ...

OFFICIALS CLOSE TO KISSINGER SAID THE SUDDEN OUTBURST OF
HOSTILITIES IN ISRAEL WAS NOT LIKELY TO AFFECT THE
RENEWED HAK NEGOTIATIONS IN THE ME IF IT PROVED TO BE ONLY
PART OF AN ISOLATED INCIDENT. BUT THEY SAID THAT IF
THE TEL AVIV RAID TURNED OUT TO BE THE FIRST IN A SERIES
OF TERRORIST ACTS, THEN IT COULD PLACE THE KISSINGER
MISSION IN JEOPARDY.

REPORTS FROM BEIRUT SAID THE PLO HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE ISRAEL ATTACK.

THE US EMBASSY IN LONDON ISSUED ON HAK'S BEHALF A STRONG
DENUNCIATION OF THE TERRORIST RAID. ...

AS HAK PREPARED TO DEPART FOR THE ME HE DESCRIBED THE
CURRENT PHASE OF DISCUSSIONS AS THE "TOUGHEST, MOST
COMPLEX NEGOTIATION WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN." ...

HAK IS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS CHANCES OF BRINGING
OFF A NEW INTERIM DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL
AND EGYPT. ACCORDING TO A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL WITH
THE HAK PARTY, THE SECRETARY ALREADY HAS CONCEIVED THE
POSSIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR A SECOND-STAGE SETTLEMENT IN THE
SINAI.

THE OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, DENIES THAT ANYTHING HAS BEEN
SETTLED AT THIS POINT, DESPITE RECENT REPORTS TO THE
CONTRARY. ... INGERSOLL
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